GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Education on Agriculture
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Agriculture as a component of education at all levels viz. primary, secondary, higher-secondary and higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been prepared to introduce internship mechanism in the vocational education programmes for Agriculture marketing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Topics on Agriculture are covered in an integrated manner at appropriate places in the textbooks for primary, upper-primary, secondary and higher-secondary classes published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) offers Agriculture as one of the electives at higher secondary level. The Board also offers three agriculture based vocational courses, viz., Horticulture, Dairying Science and Technology and Poultry Farming. University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved Agriculture as one of the vocational courses as trade in Community Colleges, Bachelor of Vocational (B.Voc) degree programme and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Kendras.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) Does not arise.
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